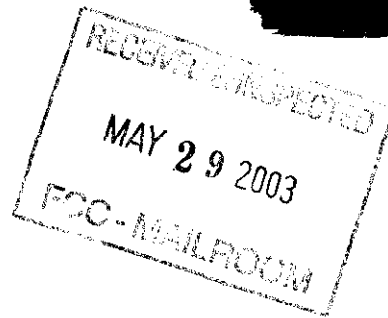


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Michael Powell
Federal Communications Commission
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Mr. Powell,

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I am writing you to protest your decision to push through the new rule changes concerning corporate ownership of radio, TV and newspapers.

You have the legal responsibility to protect the **citizen's ownership of the airwaves**, not to sell them out to the corporate owners of radio and TV stations. How dare you act to attempt to sneak through these rule changes with out a substantial public comment period.

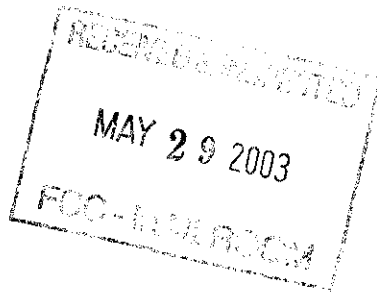
We now know that June 2, 2003 is the date you are attempting to usurp the airwaves from the public and we will not stand for it. If you proceed with your plan to give corporate America these expanded ownerships we the people will act. You can be removed from office and I will work to just that end.

Wake up Chairman Powell! The people are watching what you do. This is shameful performance for a government employee. Where does your paycheck come from? It comes from the people. You have the responsibility to stand up for the people, not corporate America.

Quite sincerely,

Don Haloin
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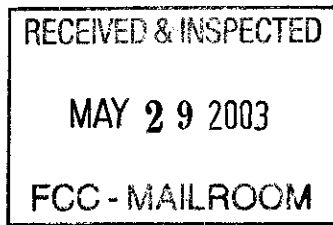
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Sincerely,

Michael J. Greer
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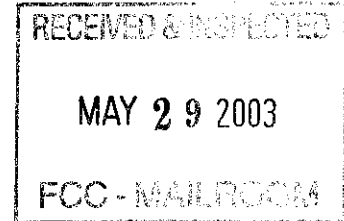
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Mary J Ott
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May 16, 2003

Kathleen Q Abernathy

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear *Commissioner Abernathy*

This is to let you know that, as an American citizen, I am greatly concerned about the consolidation of media in the hands of a few giant companies. I consider this to be a limitation upon the free access to information that is so vital to the operation of our democracy.

It is my understanding that the FCC was founded in 1934 to regulate the nation's broadcasters so that they served the public interest. What has happened to this principle? Surely it is as necessary today as at the time that it was first established, if not more so. Can you set aside the present and future well being of our country for the economic gain of a few giant corporations?

I am astonished by the FCC's push for consolidation in the media industry. I feel that the public has not had sufficient information about this situation so that our viewpoints in this matter might be given consideration. In my opinion, media consolidation has already gone too far. This monopoly of information in the hands of a few is dangerous, and it needs to be dismantled – for the good of our country.

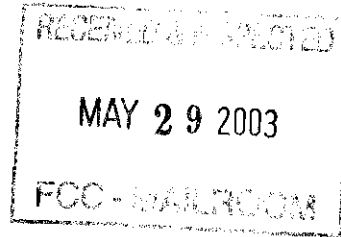
Sincerely yours,

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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell,

We are outraged by your plans to damage the critical safeguards that were designed to prevent monopoly ownership of media outlets. True democracy and freedom of speech cannot exist in a place where a few powerful players control all access to information. If you follow through with your plans, one company in a community will be able to own the newspaper, several TV and radio stations, the cable system, and the principal Internet access company. Already six companies own the vast majority of media outlets, and they have demonstrated the folly in this plan by their refusal to educate the public about the upcoming FCC vote. Further damage to media ownership rules will lead to even more media consolidation, reducing competition and thus, increasing prices and decreasing the quality and diversity of information available to the public.

As public servants, you have a responsibility to protect the rights of the public and the integrity of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. As citizens, we expect you to take this responsibility seriously, and to vote against a relaxation of media ownership regulations.

Sincerely,

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Portland, OR 97214
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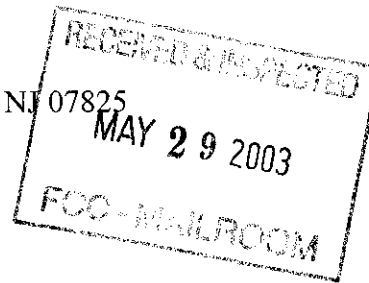
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Lorraine Gold
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To: The Honorable Michael Powell, Chair, FCC
445 12th St., SW, Washington, DC 20554

Re: Biennial Review – Proposed Media Concentration Rules, Section 202(h)
Media Bureau Docket No. 02-277

Dear Chairman Powell:
and Commissioner Murkin,

This letter is sent as testimony in support of strengthened ownership limits. Broadcast and newspaper ownership in the same market must be prohibited.

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I am sure that you are aware that there are only five independent television studios, 280 independent newspapers, and radio companies are similarly being consolidated (with two companies now owning 1451 stations, and 25 groups owning 25% of our radio stations.) This is bad for our country.

Having such a limited number of owners also means that there is a lack of necessary competition. Without meaningful competition a dull and deadly monotony will prevail. I think much of what the major media puts out now is catering to a very low level of morality and culture and could be greatly improved. Further narrowing of the creative spectrum, and having the major producers mainly concerned about corporate profits, means that creative efforts will not be adequate to reach and enrich the hearts and minds of the citizens of this country.

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The proposed media concentration rules are not public so I cannot comment on specifics. I can only hope and pray that you will act with the courage and dignity and foresight that this issue demands and that you will use your power to protect America and the highest ideals that this country holds dear.

Sincerely,
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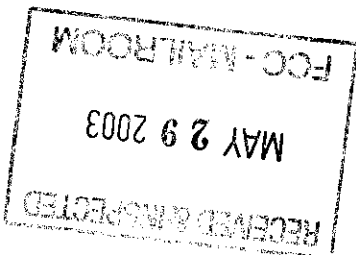
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Thank you - although I was

disappointed by your decision to not support changing the June 2nd hearing. The change should be available to the public for comment before the hearing.

Sincerely,
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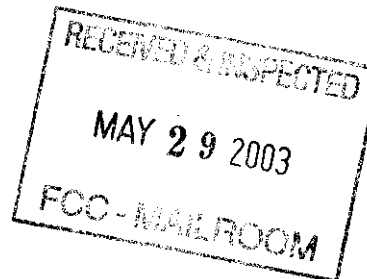
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Tuesday, May 20, 2003

132 West 71st Street, No. 4
New York, NY 10023-4029

Federal Communications Commission
FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

TO: Chairman Powell
FROM: John P. Kivlen
SUBJECT: Media Deregulation



Dear Chairman Powell,

As a registered New York voter, I urge you and your colleagues within the Federal Communications Commission to promote a diverse, balanced, and competitive media. Please stop the FCC rule changes.

We, as free citizens, allow media companies to use the airwaves in exchange for their assurance that they are serving the public interest; and it is the FCC's job to make sure that is completed in a way that complies to the public domain, not the domain of big business. Please hold the FCC to its mandate and oppose these rule changes.

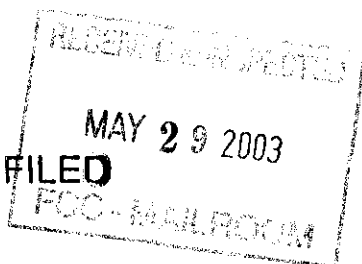
Sincerely,

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John P. Kivlen

cc: Representative Nadler, Senator Clinton and Senator Schumer.

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RE: Docket No. 02-277 Don't abandon media safeguards!

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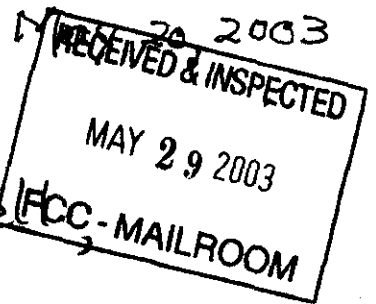
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Most sincerely,

Christina McLean

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College Radio DJ '98-'00
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Dear Chairman Michael Powell

R.E: Proposed FCC Media Consolidation
Rule Broadcast Ownership - Docket 02-273

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As a retired educator with a wide exposure to all the media in the United State in the last 69 years, I now am greatly concerned at the further media concentration resulting in an increased ability for large conglomerates to own multiple broadcast outlets and newspapers in local market.

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~~Joan MacBeth~~

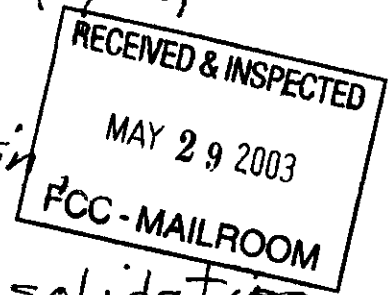
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Federal Communications Commission May 20, 2003
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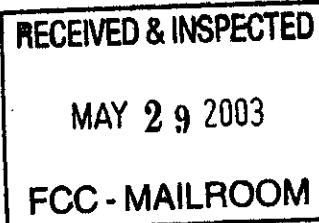
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Elliott Libman
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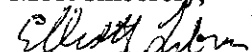
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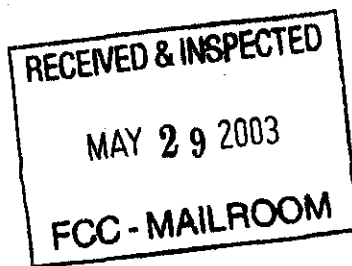
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Most sincerely,


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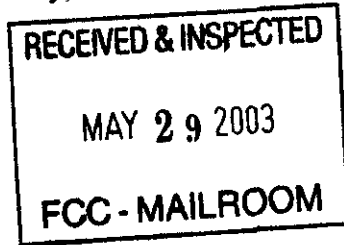
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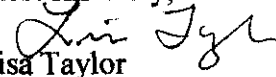
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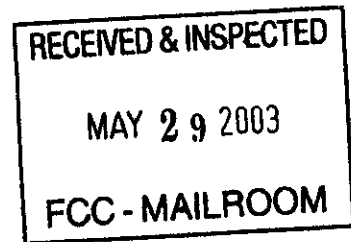

Lisa Taylor

Paul Gregoire
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Norfolk, VA 23508

May 20, 2003

The Honorable Michael Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

The FCC must NOT further weaken the rules that help preserve competition and diversity among the owners of American media.

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

The FCC is currently considering sweeping changes to broadcast ownership rules. Repeal of or further modification to these rules will likely open the door to more mergers that will continue to reduce competition and diversity in the media. If the rules are weakened further, one company in a city could control the most popular newspaper, TV station and possibly the cable system, giving it dominant influence over the content and slant of news and information. Such a move would reduce the diversity of cultural and political discussion in this country. Media ownership would be concentrated by corporate monopolies even further, and the public's ability to have open, informed discussion with diverse viewpoints would be compromised.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity. While there may be indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become more limited.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised. The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

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Paul Gregoire

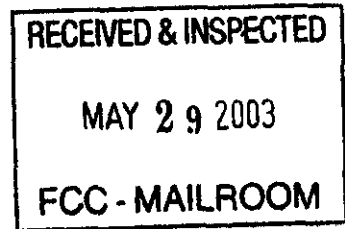
May 15, 2003

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Mr. Powell:

Giant media conglomerates are trying to gain near total control of radio and television news. This would most likely cause a one-sided dissemination of information that our communities all across America would receive. Some of these conglomerates have a known track record of attempting to keep opposing views from being heard. Some large corporations are lobbying the FCC to relax the current ownership rules.

I am asking you to do what you can to stop any relaxing of the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

Americans need to hear the whole news story, not just one point of view. Please do what you can to keep the broadcast ownership protections that we have had for decades.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Shelford".

Mrs. Debra A. Shelford
Thousand Oaks, California 91320-2723

Dana K. Anderson

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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D. C. 20554

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Federal Communications Commission

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you about what I consider a matter of great concern - the FCC's consideration of relaxing the rules yet again on station ownership. By doing so opens the door to Big Money conglomerates such as Time Warner, Disney & Viacom.

Once they get monopoly ownerships of all the small independents and put a strangle hold on the programming formats and content, we no longer have a choice as to what we want to listen to.

We get stuck with each large owners biased options, thoughts, and choices. This has already become far too evident on most TV & radio broadcasts!

This all brings back a controversy from the 30's when big money name "Powell Crosley", station WKW, with FCC permission was allowed to broadcast with such power that they drowned out everyone else.

Then again in the late 50's early 60's, "Clear Channel Broadcasting" wanted to corner the market

The small stations in this country have a valuable place in the community!

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Big companies such as Clear Channel have become pariahs, being allowed by the FCC to gobble up small independents. Of course once this happens they get rid of people and local programming, they then download programs of their choice from one central point.

We just recently lost local ^(WHAG) AM 1410 station to Dame Broadcasting, which owns 4 or 5 other stations in surrounding states.

As soon as they took over they changed the "talk" radio format to one of their choice - music all day long fed from another state with station of same programming. I called to complain but was told "this is the way the new owner wants it!"

WHAG AM 1410 served a valuable service with its variety of talk shows for our local area. We could stay informed of events in our area.

I've enclosed a news clipping from our local paper to illustrate one of the valuable helps this station was to our local health dept.

We would love to get this talk station back!

Ms. Powell, you and your commissioners have the power to stop this sort of thing and I beg of you to do so.

Please do not allow the big conglomerates, because of their money, be allowed to take more control over our airwaves and control even more of what we can listen to or see.

I know I can't expect a response but I do want to thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

Earl R. Wassen

"Let's keep the freedom in
all of our great country"

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Letters

Keller was great

To the editor:

For many years, the Washington County Health Department has been proud to have had the assistance of Roger Keller and the WHAG staff in our work promoting the health and welfare of Washington County.

The opportunity that was afforded to us by our regularly scheduled appearances on Keller's show has enabled us to present to the community the wide range of activities conducted by our agency. Always respectful and well informed, Keller never failed to generate a wide-ranging and informative discussion with his guests.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the years of cooperative effort that we have enjoyed. All of us at the Washington County Health Department wish Keller and his colleagues the best of luck with their new programming format.

William G. Christoffel
Health Officer
Hagerstown

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May 13, 2003

Dear Chairman Powell,

If you believe in the awesome power and diversity of democracy you would surely not support the suggested changes in regulations that would give the corporate media even more than it already has.

In fact, rulings should undo the consolidation that is already so destructive of broad, accurate dissemination of information on vital issues.

More & more Americans are turning to international media to see, for example, that Iraq incursion was not a video game.

Please let me know the results.

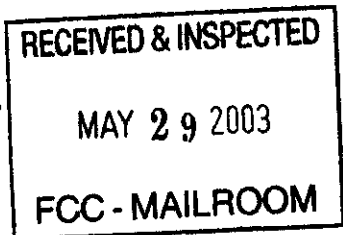
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The Honorable Michael J. Copps
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Copps,

I urge you **NOT** to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. Many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our Country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Floyd Souter".

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